

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113
WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2005
1:00 P.M.**

Commissioners Present: Larry Hudkins, Chair
Deb Schorr, Vice Chair
Bernie Heier
Ray Stevens

Commissioners Absent: Bob Workman

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Trish Owen, Chief Deputy County Clerk
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

The Chair opened the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF THE STAFF MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2005

MOTION: Stevens moved and Heier seconded approval of the Staff Meeting minutes dated July 19, 2005. Heier, Schorr, Stevens and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- A. Executive Session - Labor Negotiations
- B. Allowance Modification No. 6 for County Storage Facility (\$3,586 Addition)
- C. Tractor Supply Event in Waverly, Nebraska (10 a.m. on August 4, 2005)

MOTION: Schorr moved and Stevens seconded approval of the additions to the agenda. Stevens, Heier, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

3 BUDGET WORK SESSION - Dave Kroeker, Budget and Fiscal Officer

Schorr reported on a meeting she and Heier had with District Court Judges Colborn and Flowers to discuss the budget and the issue of paid parking stalls. She said they were informed that some of the deputy public defenders will not waive sequestering of juries for routine matters and suggested that the Board make Dennis Keefe, Public Defender, aware of the financial impact.

MOTION: Heier moved and Schorr seconded to send a letter to District Court Judges Colborn and Flowers reaffirming the Board's position on the issue of paid parking stalls and indicating a willingness to work with them on payment options. Heier, Stevens, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

Gary Lacey, County Attorney, appeared and indicated that he is unable to reduce his budget.

Brief discussion took place regarding the Child Support Enforcement function.

Board consensus was to reduce the County Attorney budget by \$60,000.

Dave Kroeker, Budget and Fiscal Officer, presented the following (Exhibits A & B) :

- County Board Proposed Budget, FY05 Valuations & Tax Rates
- Wednesday, July 20th Listing of Possible Budget Changes

Correction: The budget reduction for Emergency Management is \$4,420. The County's share is \$2,210.

- Lancaster County, Summary Analysis of Requested Budget, Data Processing
- Letters from County Court, Adult Probation, Families First & Foremost (F³) and Emergency Management Regarding Budget Reductions

Board consensus was to seek a reduction of \$20,000 from Families First & Foremost (F³) and to schedule discussion with Renee' Dozier, F³ Director, or her representative, on the July 21, 2005 Staff Meeting agenda.

- Letter from Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department Regarding Lancaster County Award of \$61,000 on ADM Settlement

Board consensus was to notify the City that the County is reducing its share of funding of the department by \$30,500.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

A. Executive Session - Labor Negotiations

MOTION: Heier moved and Stevens seconded to enter Executive Session at 2:29 p.m. for discussion of labor negotiations. Schorr, Heier, Stevens and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded to exit Executive Session at 2:51 p.m. Stevens, Heier, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

RETURNING TO BUDGET WORK SESSION

General discussion was held regarding how to fund engineering of the designated route for the East Beltway. The Board asked that discussion of the issue be scheduled on the Officials Committee agenda (next meeting is August 4, 2005).

Schorr questioned the Election Commissioner's reductions to the Official's Salary Deputy's Salary and Regular Salary line items. Kroeker will request clarification and report back.

Hudkins noted that County Extension's sludge contract with the City is a pass-through of funds and said the Extension Board has questioned the fairness of including it in the total that the reduction was based on. There was general consensus to reduce the deduction by \$1,800.

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B. Allowance Modification No. 6 for County Storage Facility (\$3,586 Addition)

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, gave a brief explanation of the request.

There were additional questions regarding the request for a modification to install VCT (tile) in the toilet area on Emergency Management's side. Tentative approval was given on the other items.

Board consensus was to schedule the item on the Thursday, July 28, 2005 Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda for action.

C. Tractor Supply Event in Waverly, Nebraska (10 a.m. on August 4, 2005)

Board consensus was to recess the Staff Meeting on that date so Commissioners can attend the event.

MOTION: Stevens moved and Heier seconded to add discussion of the meeting schedule to the agenda. Schorr, Heier, Stevens and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

D. Discussion of the Meeting Schedule

The Board reviewed the meeting schedule and asked that a Staff Meeting be scheduled on Friday, July 22, 2005 at 8:00 a.m. to allow for further budget discussion.

4 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Stevens seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:18 p.m. Schorr, Heier, Stevens and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

Bruce Medcalf
Lancaster County Clerk